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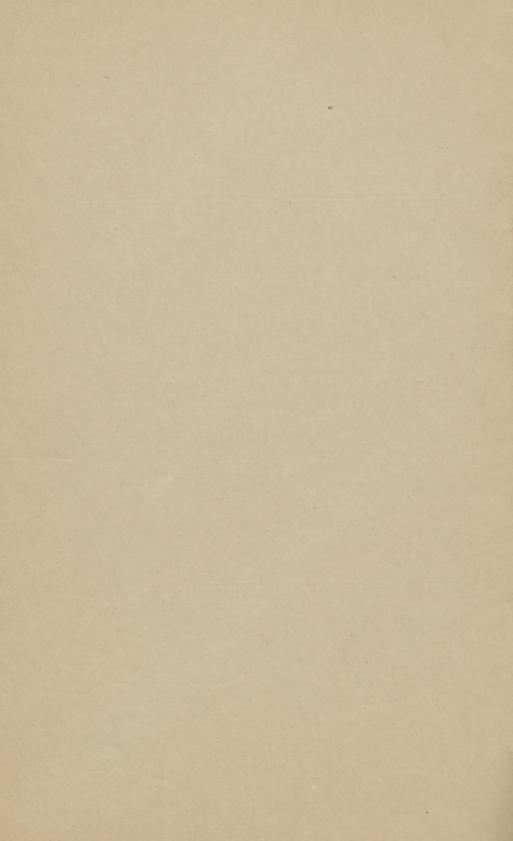
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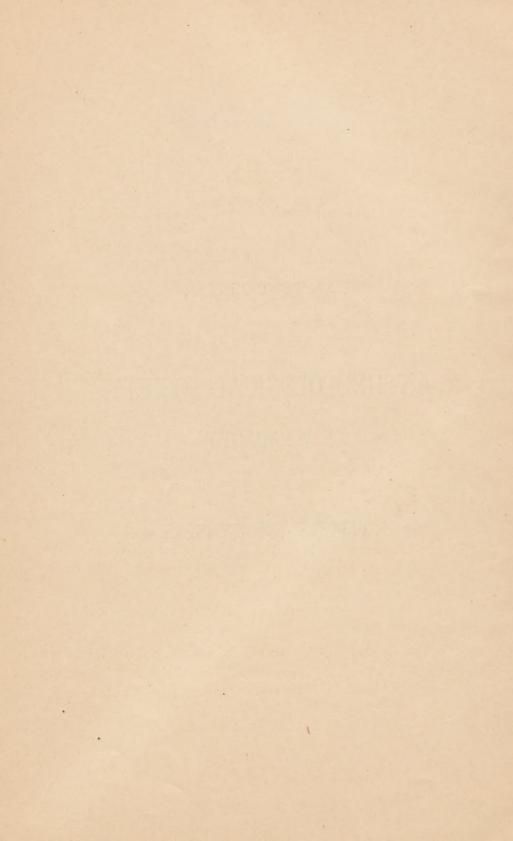
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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.—Name.

The name of this Society shall be "The Anthropological Society of Washington."

ARTICLE II. - Object.

The object of this Society shall be to encourage the study of the Natural History of Man, especially with reference to America, and shall include Somatology, Sociology, Philology, Philosophy, Psychology, and Technology.

ARTICLE III. - Members.

The members of this Society shall be persons who are interested in Anthropology, and shall be divided into three classes; Active, Corresponding, and Honorary. The active members shall be those who reside in Washington, or in its vicinity, and who shall pay the dues required by Article XV. Failure to comply with this provision within two months after notice of election, unless satisfactorily explained to the Council, shall render the election void. Corresponding members shall be those who are engaged in anthropological investigations in other localities; honorary members shall be those who have contributed by authorship or patronage to the Advancement of Anthropology. Corresponding or honorary members may become active members by paying the fee required by Article XV. Any corresponding member from whom no scientific contribution is received for two years after his election may be dropped from the list of members by a vote of the Council; but when so dropped shall be eligible to reinstatement.

All members shall be elected by the Council and by ballot, as follows: The name of the candidate shall be recommended to the Council, in writing, by two members of the Society, and eight affirmative ballots shall be necessary to an election.

No person shall be entitled to the privileges of active membership before paying the admission fee provided in Article XV.

ARTICLE IV .- Officers.

The officers of this Society shall be a President, four Vice-Presidents, a General Secretary, a Secretary to the Council, a Treasurer,

and a Curator, all of whom, together with six other active members, shall constitute a Council, all to be elected by ballot at each annual meeting. The officers shall serve one year, or until their successors are elected.

ARTICLE V .- The Council.

All business of the Society, except the election of officers at the annual meeting, shall be transacted by the Council, five members of which shall constitute a quorum.

The Council shall meet one half-hour before the regular sessions of the Society, and at such other times as they may be called together by the President. They may call special meetings of the Society.

ARTICLE VI .- The Sections.

For active operations the Society shall be divided into four sections, as follows: Section A, Somatology; Section B, Sociology; Section C, Philology, Philosophy, and Psychology; Section D, Technology. The Vice-Presidents of the Society shall be *ex-officio* chairmen of these sections respectively, and shall be designated by the President to their sections after their election. It shall be the duty of these sections to keep the Society informed upon the progress of research in their respective fields, to make special investigations when requested be the Council, to announce interesting discoveries, to collect specimens, manuscripts, publications, newspaper clippings, etc., and in every way to foster their divisions of the work.

All papers presented to the sections shall be referred to the Council, and through it to the Society.

ARTICLE VII. - The President.

The President, or, in his absence, one of the Vice Presidents, shall preside over the meetings of the Society and of the Council, and shall appoint all committees in the Council and in the Society. At the first meeting in February the retiring President shall deliver an address to the Society.

ARTICLE VIII.—The Vice-Presidents.

The Vice-Presidents shall respectively preside over the sections to which they have been designated, and represent such sections in the Council and in the Society. Each of the Vice-Presidents shall deliver an address during the year upon such subject within his department as he may select.

ARTICLE IX.—The General Secretary.

It shall be the duty of the General Secretary to record the transactions and conduct the general correspondence of the Society.

ARTICLE X .- The Secretary to the Council.

The Secretary to the Council shall keep the minutes of the Council, shall keep a list of active, corresponding, and honorary members, with their residences, shall notify members of the time and place of all meetings of the Society, and shall perform such other duties as the Council may direct.

ARTICLE XI.—The Treasurer.

The Treasurer shall receive and have charge of all moneys; he shall deposit the funds as directed by the Council, and shall not expend any money except as ordered by the Council. He shall notify members in writing when their dues have remained unpaid for six months.

ARTICLE XII. - The Curator.

The Curator shall receive, acknowledge, and have charge of all books, pamphlets, photographs, clippings, and other anthropological material, and shall dispose of them in accordance with Article XVI, keeping a record of them in a book provided by the Society.

ARTICLE XIII. - Meetings.

The regular meetings of the Society shall be held on the first and the third Tuesday of each month from November to May, inclusive. An annual meeting for the election of officers shall be held on the third Tuesday of January in each year, a quorum to consist of twenty active members who are not in arrears for dues; and visitors shall not be admitted. The Proceedings of the Society shall be conducted in accordance with the established rules of parliamentary practice. Papers read shall be limited to twenty minutes, after which the subject shall be thrown open for discussion, remarks thereon to be limited to five minutes for each speaker.

ARTICLE XIV. - Publications.

The address of the President, provided in Article VII, and the

transactions of the Society, shall be printed and published annually, or at such periods and in such form as may be determined by the Council.

ARTICLE XV .- Fees and Dues.

The admission fee shall be five dollars, which shall exempt the member from the payment of dues during the year in which he is elected. The annual dues thereafter shall be three dollars, to be paid prior to the election in January. The names of members failing to pay their dues one month after written notice from the Treasurer, as provided in Article XI, shall be dropped from the roll, unless from absence of the member from Washington or other satisfactory explanation, the Council shall otherwise determine.

ARTICLE XVI. - Gifts.

It shall be the duty of all members to seek to increase and perfect the materials of anthropological study in the national collections at Washington. All gifts of specimens, books, pamphlets, maps, photographs, and newspaper clippings, shall be received by the Curator, who shall exhibit them before the Society at the next regular meeting after their reception, and shall make such abstract or entry concerning them in a book provided by the Society, as will secure their value as materials of research; after which all archæological and ethnological materials shall be deposited in the National Museum, in the name of the donor and of the Society; all crania and somatic specimens, in the Army Medical Museum; all books, pamphlets, photographs, clippings, and abstracts, in the archives of the Society.

ARTICLE XVII.—Amendments.

This constitution shall not be amended except by a three-fourths vote of the active members present at the annual meeting for the election of officers, and after notice of the proposed change shall have been given in writing at a regular meeting of the Society, at least one month previously.

ARTICLE XVIII. - Order of Business.

The order of business at each regular meeting shall be:

- 1. Reading the minutes of the last meeting.
- 2. Report of the Council upon membership.
- 3. Report of the Curator.
- 4. Reading the papers and discussions.
- 5. Notes and queries.

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